

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~A control~~ An apparatus for managing ~~one or more contents data in accordance with~~ using condition information corresponding to the content data, ~~said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data~~ said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving said using condition information, ~~said using condition information being~~ described in a first format, the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data;

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format; and

means for transmitting the using condition information described in the second format.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A control~~ method for managing ~~one or more contents data in accordance with~~ using condition information corresponding to the content data, ~~said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data~~, said method comprising steps of:

receiving said using condition information, ~~said using condition information being~~ described in a first format, the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data;

converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format, and

transmitting the using condition information described in the second format.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A recording medium having stored therein a ~~control~~ program for ~~control data for managing one or more contents data in accordance with~~ using condition information corresponding to ~~the content data, said using condition information is~~ indicative of usage rules of the content data, said ~~control~~ program comprising:

means for receiving said using condition information, ~~said using condition information being~~ described in a first format, the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data;

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format; and

means for transmitting the using condition information described in the second format.

Claims 4-18 (Canceled)

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): A data processing apparatus for managing ~~content data in accordance with a~~ using condition information corresponding to ~~the content data, said using condition information is indicative of usage rules of the content data,~~ said data processing apparatus comprising:

means for receiving said using condition information, ~~said using condition information being~~ described in a first format, the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data; and

means for converting said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format,

wherein the using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the using condition information

described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the using condition information described in the first format.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A method for managing ~~content data in accordance with a~~ using condition information corresponding to the content data, ~~said using condition information being indicative of usage rules of the content data,~~ said method comprising steps of:

receiving said using condition information, ~~said using condition information being described in a first format,~~ the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data; and

converting said first format of using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format, wherein

the using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the using condition information described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the using condition information described in the first format.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A computer readable medium that is encoded with computer readable instructions configured to implement a process when executed by a processor, said process comprising steps of :

receiving the using condition information, ~~said using condition information being described in a first format,~~ the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to content data; and

converting said first format of using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format, wherein

the using condition information includes at least one item comprising an item name and a value corresponding to the item name and the using condition information described in the second format is substantially equal in meaning to the using condition information described in the first format.

Claim 22 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 1, further comprising:

means for decrypting the using condition information described in the first format;
and
means for encrypting the using condition information described in the second format.

Claim 23 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 1, wherein the using condition information includes a limit of reproductions of the content data.

Claim 24 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 1, wherein the using condition information includes a period of time.

Claim 25 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 1, wherein the using condition information includes cost data.

Claim 26 (New): An apparatus for managing using condition information corresponding to content data, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive said using condition information described in a first format, the using condition information indicating usage rules corresponding to the content data; and

a converter configured to convert said first format of said using condition information into a second format, said second format being different from the first format.

Claim 27 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 26, further comprising:

a decryption device configured to decrypt the using condition information described in the first format.

Claim 28 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 27, further comprising:

an encryption device configured to encrypt the using condition information described in the second format; and

a transmitter configured to transmit the encrypted using condition information described in the second format.

Claim 29 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 26, wherein the using condition information includes a limit of reproductions of the content data.

Claim 30 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 26, wherein the using condition information includes a period of time.

Claim 31 (New): The apparatus for managing using condition information of claim 26, wherein the using condition information includes cost data.

Claim 32 (New): An apparatus for managing using condition information corresponding to content data, comprising:

means for receiving using condition information described in a first format, the using condition information controlling usage rules of the content data;

means for converting the using condition information described in the first format into using condition information described in a second format the using condition information described in the first format into using condition information described in a second format, said second format being different from the first format; and

means for transmitting the using condition information described in the second format.

Claim 33 (New). A manager for managing using condition information corresponding to content data, comprising

means for receiving using condition information described in a first format, the using condition information controlling usage rules of the content data distributed from contents server;

means for converting the using condition information described in the first format into using condition information described in a second format; and

means for transmitting the using condition information described in the second format to another manager compliant with the second format.